



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Mailing Address: 600 Capitol Way N - Olympia, Washington 98501-1091 - (360) 902-2200, TDD (360) 902-2207
Main Office location: Natural Resources Building - 1111 Washington Street SE - Olympia, WA

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: SKAGIT RIVER BOAT RAMP REPAIRS BIRDSVIEW ACCESS SITE

Description of Proposal:

This project will improve and restore The Birdsview Fishing Access site on the Skagit River that requires maintenance to serve the public in this area. Repairs to these areas are described below:

Birdsview

This project will restore the damaged WDFW boat launch access at the Birdsview Site. The present boat ramp consists of a gravel portion and a 42 feet long concrete overlay portion, for an approximate length of 50 feet. The old boat ramp materials will be removed and taken to an approved disposal site out of the flood zone. The area will be regraded, and a pervious ground covering material will be installed. Clean washed gravel will then be distributed. A new sectioned precast concrete ramp with Armor-Flex matting on each side will be installed and anchored in place with steel cable and duckbill anchors. The sections below OHW will be pushed into place from an excavator staged above OHW. To match existing conditions at the site, the ramp will be placed at the same orientation as the old ramp.

Birdsview Ramp: For the new ramp, there are a total of 15 concrete ramp planks (4 foot x 12 foot x 6 inches) positioned between Armor-flex matting. Six of these are below OHW (approximately 22.0 feet); and nine are positioned above OHW (approximately 28.0 feet), with a section of Armor-Flex mat (12 x 20 x 9 foot) positioned at the end of the precast concrete sections below OHW. Total cut above OHW required to install the boat ramp is estimated at 11.3 cubic yards and the total fill above OHW is estimated at 10.9 cubic yards.

Below OHW, the cut required to install the boat ramp is estimated at 8.5 cubic yards, and the total fill below OHW is estimated at 13.0 cubic yards. The total fill below OHW (13.0 cubic yards) includes the 1 ½ inch minus washed gravel, the pre-cast concrete boat launch planks, and the Armor-flex matting. See site drawings.

Any machines entering the water will be limited to track height. Staging and refueling of machines will be conducted out of the project area. Non-toxic lubricants will be used. Other best management practices used will be: turbidity curtain, hay bales, and siltation curtains.

Proponent/Applicant:

Washington Dept of Fish and Wildlife
Capitol Programs & Engineering Division
600 Capitol Way North
Olympia, WA 98501-1091

Contact Person: Cindy Knudsen
Fish and Wildlife Biologist
Telephone Number: (360) 902-8422

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Birdview, Washington, Skagit County; Section 13, Township 35 North, Range 7 East WM

Birdview: From Interstate 5, take exit 230 onto Highway 20, towards Burlington/Anacortes (0.4 miles). Turn right onto SR 20/W. Rio Vista Avenue (0.7 miles). Stay right to stay on SR-20/Avon Ave. (Pass Shell in 2.8 miles) Continue for 4.5 miles. Keep straight onto SR-9/SR 20/ North Cascades Highway for 1.3 miles. Keep straight onto SR-20/Moore Street for 17.3 miles. The Birdview site is reached from continuing along highway 20, until you reach Wilde Road. Turn Right onto Wilde Road. Road name changes to Pressentin Road (0.8) miles. The last intersection is Cape Horn Road. Continue to the end of the road to the Pressentin Road boat launch.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **November 15, 2010**

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

Address: 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501-1091

After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Teresa Eturaspe at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2575.

DATE OF ISSUE: November 1, 2010

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).